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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed 26 August 2003 (herein "Office Action"), the Applicants respectfully request entry into the record and consideration of this amendment and response. This response is timely filed with a Petition for a three-month Extension of Time and payment for the appropriate fee. Please charge any additional requisite fees relating to this response or as otherwise required for this application during its pendency to Deposit Account No. 19-2570.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 10 of this paper.